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FOLLOWING REPEAT SEOUL 6995 ACTION STATE AUG 19.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 6995

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SUBJ: CONSULTATION WITH ROKG FOREIGN MINISTER ON SECRETARY'S
DISCUSSION OF KOREA ISSUES WITH THE CHINESE

1. DESPITE MY REPEATED URGINGS TO FOREIGN MINISTER THAT
WE MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR DIS-
CUSSIONS, THE FOLLOWING WIRE PRESS (HAPTONG) APPEARED
THIS AFTERNOON:

QUOTE: SEOUL, AUG 19 '(QHEPTONG) - SOUTH KOREA AND THE
UNITED STATES TODAY HELD WIDE-RANGING CONSULTATIONS ON
THE KOREAN QUESTION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COME UP FOR DIS-
CUSSION WHEN U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE VISITS
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COMMUNIST CHINA ON AUG. 22.

"FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG-CHIN MET WITH THOMAS STERN,
MINISTER-COUNSELOR AT THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE, THIS MORNING
FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE PLANNED
WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA AND THE ISSUE

OF GUARANTEEING A LASTING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.
HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE WILL DISCUSS WITH PEKING
LEADERS DURING HIS TRIP TO CHINA. (SENTENCE AS RECEIVED).

"AT THE MEETING, IT WAS LEARNED, FOREIGN MINISTER PAK
REAFFIRMED THAT SEOUL GOVERNMENT'S STAND THAT IT WOULD
BE HARD TO EASE THE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA UN-
LESS NORTH KOREA RESPONDED WITH POSITIVENESS TO THE
REPEATED SOUTH KOREAN CALL FOR UNCONDITIONAL RESUMPTION
OF THE LONG-STALLED SOUTH-NORTH PEACE DIALOGUE.

"THE TWO ALSO AGREED THAT THE PLANNED U.S. MILITARY
PHASEOUT WOULD IN NO RPT NO WAY MEAN ANY CHANGE IN THE
U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF SOUTH KOREA, IT WAS
LEARNED.

"THE PAK-STERN CONSULTATIONS WILL SERVE AS BASIC
MATERIALS FOR VANCE TO USE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING CHINA
TRIP.

"THE TWO FURTHER AGREED TO CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC CONSULTA-
TIONS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AFTER VANCE'S VISIT TO PEKING,
IT WAS SAID.

"IT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED WHETHER THEY DISCUSSED AT THE
MEETING THE U.S. REQUEST THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT
EXTEND COOPERATION IN AN AMERICAN INVESTIGATION INTO THE
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SO-CALLED SOUTH KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL IN THE
U.S. CONGRESS.

"IT WAS THEIR SECOND MEETING IN TWO DAYS. WHEN THEY MET
THURSDAY, MINISTER PAK SAID THAT THERE WAS LITTLE FOR
THE SEOUL GOVERNMENT TO HELP THE UNITED STATES IN ITS
INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED SCANDAL INVOLVING A
KOREAN BUSINESSMAN WHO HOLDS A PERMANENT RESIDENTSHIP
IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS SOMETHING THE U.S. GOVERN-
MENT SHOULD SETTLE WITH PAK TONG-SUN, CENTRAL FIGURE IN
THE ALLEGED INFLUENCE-BUYING SCHEME.

"THE CONTROVERSIAL KOREAN BUSINESSMAN, BEING SOUGHT BY
THE UNITED STATES FOR INVESTIGATION, ARRIVED HERE FROM
LONDON WHERE HE HAD STAYED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. END
QUOTE.

COMMENT: WE CAN EXPECT THIS STORY TO APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S
PAPERS. THE SUBJECT OF TONG-SUN PARK NEVER AROSE. WE
ARE VERY SORRY THAT THE STORY APPEARED BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE
HAVE VERY LITTLE CONTROL OVER THE SITUATION. WE HAVE ALREADY

VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED TO FOREIGN OFFICE. STERN UNQUOTE VANCE

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